GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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OPERATION OF IA TO HONG KONG AND JEDDAH
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines has urged the Government not to start new international destinations in Hong Kong and Jeddah;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian Airlines also proposes to increase its operation to the east, UK and the US;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the manner by which the IA is going to manage their aircraft for such future plans?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b) : Indian carriers are already having traffic rights for operations to Hong Kong and Jeddah under the respective Air Services Agreements with Hong Kong and Saudi Arabia.

(c), (d) and (e) : Presently Indian Airlines is designated to operate to South East Asia, Gulf/Middle East and SAARC destinations. Indian Airlines has plans to add new destinations/flights progressively with acquisition of new aircraft. As far as USA and UK are concerned, Air India is the only designated Indian carrier on these routes at present.